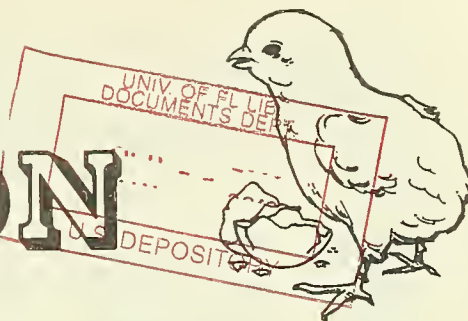


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HATCHERY PRODUCTION



March 1963

April 16, 1963

Chicks Hatched

Hatcheries in the United States produced 271,007,000 chicks during March--6 percent less than in March 1962 according to the Crop Reporting Board. The number of broiler chicks hatched was 199,806,000--4 percent less than in March last year. During the first 3 months of 1963 there were 543,227,000 broiler chicks produced--down 2 percent from same period in 1962. Compared with a year earlier, the number of eggs in incubators on April 1 indicate that the hatch of broiler chicks in April this year will be about the same as in April 1962.

There were 71,201,000 egg-type chicks hatched in March--10 percent less than in March last year but about the same number as hatched in March 1960. The number hatched during January through March of this year was 144,234,000--down 2 percent from same period last year. The hatch of egg-type chicks during March this year in the East North Central and West North Central States was the smallest of record. The number of eggs in incubators on April 1, compared with a year earlier, indicate that the egg-type in April this year will be about the same as in April 1962.

Poults Hatched

The number of heavy breed turkey poults hatched by hatcheries in the United States during March 1963 was larger than in March 1962. The hatch of light breeds was about the same as in March last year. The hatch of heavy white breeds was 4,978,000, an increase of 21 percent, and other heavy breeds 10,867,000--up 9 percent. The hatch of light breed poults totaled 744,000 compared with 745,000 in March last year. There were 27,553,000 turkey poults hatched during the first three months of 1963. This was 13 percent more than during these months in 1962. The cumulative hatch of heavy white breeds was 9,080,000--up 11 percent, other heavy breeds up 13 percent, and light breeds up 23 percent. The number of turkey eggs in incubators on April 1, compared with April 1 last year indicates that the hatch of heavy white breeds in April will be larger than in April last year. The hatches of other heavy breeds and light breeds will be smaller.

Chicks hatched by Commercial hatcheries

State and division	Broiler-type				Egg-type	
	March		Jan. through March		March	
	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Maine	5,372	5,684	15,566	15,780	556	528
N.H.	1,195	954	3,364	3,019	377	337
Vt.	0	4	0	9	57	44
Mass.&R.I. 1/	854	985	2,226	2,933	1,422	1,161
Conn.	2,105	1,713	6,107	4,836	1,219	1,133
N.E.	9,526	9,340	27,263	26,577	3,631	3,203
N.Y.	440	190	1,110	565	1,910	1,890
N.J.	265	174	584	496	2,280	1,900
Pa.	4,288	4,174	12,466	11,926	4,471	4,176
M.A.	4,993	4,538	14,160	12,987	8,661	7,966
Ohio	1,020	850	2,920	2,400	3,860	3,350
Ind.	4,825	3,370	13,150	8,984	4,019	3,534
Ill.	578	200	1,369	493	4,157	3,419
Mich.	630	480	1,730	1,430	1,760	1,900
Wis.	1,170	950	3,254	2,900	1,662	1,360
E.N.C.	8,223	5,850	22,423	16,207	15,458	13,563
Minn.	908	1,020	2,870	2,987	5,324	4,430
Iowa	375	410	940	1,190	6,520	5,420
Mo.	6,813	5,922	18,213	16,571	3,278	2,670
N.Dak.	2/	2/	2/	2/	284	300
S.Dak.	2/	2/	2/	2/	2,090	1,725
Nebr.	209	215	335	323	3,337	2,850
Kans.	296	190	833	560	1,928	1,600
W.N.C.	2/8,660	2/7,787	2/23,252	2/21,661	22,761	18,995
Del.	7,176	7,462	20,198	20,541	3/	3/
Md.	11,174	12,725	31,720	34,791	255	294
Va.	7,099	5,801	19,808	15,778	944	1,017
W.Va.	571	335	1,408	931	3/	3/
N.C.	19,563	19,758	52,453	53,215	1,531	1,488
S.C.	2,229	1,890	5,594	4,972	964	978
Ga.	38,838	35,605	102,966	96,729	2,167	2,957
Fla.	2,212	1,715	5,934	4,497	1,571	1,847
S.A.	88,862	85,291	240,081	231,454	3/7,585	3/8,660
Ky.	585	570	1,310	1,500	560	600
Tenn.	4,030	3,500	10,700	9,950	1,270	1,200
Ala.	21,166	21,711	52,907	56,658	1,115	1,067
Miss.	14,213	13,634	36,200	37,245	1,058	912
E.S.C.	39,994	39,415	101,117	105,353	4,003	3,779
Ark.	22,331	21,600	59,551	58,468	878	1,236
La.	2,342	2,571	5,825	6,969	306	282
Okla.	913	826	2,492	2,410	914	740
Texas	12,930	12,872	32,370	34,774	3,838	3,393
W.S.C.	38,516	37,869	100,238	102,621	5,936	5,651
Idaho	439	428	1,209	1,175	295	306
Colo.	51	37	63	47	493	381
Utah	231	210	499	497	406	310
Mount.	4/ 786	4/ 713	4/ 1,921	4/ 1,840	4/1,729	4/1,454
Wash.	1,563	1,757	3,994	4,273	1,380	1,305
Oreg.	1,459	1,043	3,725	2,873	503	511
Calif.	6,482	6,089	17,043	17,050	6,931	6,022
Pac.	9,504	8,889	24,762	24,196	8,614	7,838
48 States	209,064	199,692	555,217	542,896	78,578	71,109
Hawaii	96	114	302	331	125	92
U.S.	209,160	199,806	555,519	543,227	78,703	71,201

1/ Massachusetts and Rhode Island combined - to avoid disclosing individual operations.

2/ To avoid disclosing individual operations - West North Central total includes North and South Dakota. 3/ South Atlantic total includes Delaware and West Virginia. 4/ Mountain total includes Montana, Wyoming, New Mexico, and Arizona.

Chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries

State and division	Egg-type		T o t a l					
	Jan. through Mar.		March					
	1962		1963					
	1962	1963	Average 1957-61	1962	1963	1962	1963	
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Maine	1,145	1,225	5,603	5,928	6,212	16,711	17,005	
N.H.	1,063	959	1,887	1,572	1,291	4,427	3,978	
Vt.	143	124	81	57	48	143	133	
Mass. & R.I. 1/	3,291	2,818	3,348	2,276	2,146	5,517	5,751	
Conn.	2,740	2,896	4,748	3,324	2,846	8,847	7,732	
N.E.	8,382	8,022	15,668	13,157	12,543	35,645	34,599	
N.Y.	4,330	4,490	2,939	2,350	2,080	5,440	5,055	
N.J.	4,870	4,050	4,672	2,545	2,074	5,454	4,546	
Pa.	9,338	9,831	10,249	8,759	8,350	21,804	21,757	
M.A.	18,538	18,371	17,861	13,654	12,504	32,698	31,358	
Ohio	7,080	6,800	6,770	4,880	4,200	10,000	9,200	
Ind.	7,091	6,804	11,625	8,844	6,904	20,241	15,788	
Ill.	7,063	6,096	7,992	4,735	3,619	8,432	6,589	
Mich.	3,490	3,750	2,860	2,390	2,380	5,220	5,180	
Wis.	2,498	2,310	4,492	2,832	2,310	5,752	5,210	
E.N.C.	27,222	25,760	33,739	23,681	19,413	49,645	41,967	
Minn.	7,328	6,260	9,555	6,232	5,450	10,198	9,247	
Iowa	8,440	7,390	11,299	6,895	5,830	9,380	8,580	
Mo.	4,646	3,987	10,483	10,091	8,592	22,859	20,558	
N.Dak.	339	334	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	
S.Dak.	2,550	2,240	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	
Nebr.	4,425	3,888	4,455	3,546	3,065	4,760	4,211	
Kans.	2,456	2,265	3,166	2,224	1,790	3,289	2,825	
W.N.C.	30,184	26,364	2/42,573	2/31,421	2/26,782	2/53,436	2/48,025	
Del.	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	
Md.	471	541	9,800	11,429	13,019	32,191	35,332	
Va.	1,941	2,150	8,405	8,043	6,818	21,749	17,928	
W.Va.	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	
N.C.	3,181	3,623	15,068	21,094	21,246	55,634	56,838	
S.C.	2,101	2,104	2,530	3,193	2,868	7,695	7,076	
Ga.	4,754	6,801	32,364	41,005	38,562	107,720	103,530	
Fla.	3,733	4,747	3,026	3,783	3,562	9,667	9,244	
S.A.	3/16,451	3/20,125	3/79,079	3/96,447	3/93,951	3/256,532	3/251,579	
Ky.	980	1,084	2,131	1,145	1,170	2,290	2,584	
Tenn.	2,545	2,600	4,934	5,300	4,700	13,245	12,550	
Ala.	2,311	2,411	14,519	22,281	22,778	55,218	59,069	
Miss.	2,345	2,251	10,151	15,271	14,546	38,545	39,496	
E.S.C.	8,181	8,346	31,735	43,997	43,194	109,298	113,699	
Ark.	1,657	3,263	14,564	23,209	22,836	61,208	61,731	
La.	530	609	2,237	2,648	2,853	6,355	7,578	
Okla.	1,466	1,339	2,006	1,827	1,566	3,958	3,749	
Texas	8,216	7,301	14,354	16,768	16,265	40,586	42,075	
W.S.C.	11,869	12,512	33,161	44,452	43,520	112,107	115,133	
Idaho	560	567	835	734	734	1,769	1,742	
Colo.	809	699	717	544	418	872	746	
Utah	833	668	631	637	520	1,332	1,165	
Mount.	4/3,380	4/2,817	4/2,942	4/2,515	4/2,167	4/5,301	4/4,657	
Wash.	3,316	3,090	2,731	2,943	3,062	7,310	7,363	
Oreg.	1,089	1,057	2,196	1,962	1,554	4,814	3,930	
Calif.	18,421	17,477	11,125	13,413	12,111	35,464	34,527	
Pac.	22,826	21,624	16,052	18,318	16,727	47,588	45,820	
48 States	147,033	143,941	272,810	287,642	270,801	702,250	686,837	
Hawaii	313	293	187	221	206	615	624	
U.S.	147,346	144,234	272,997	287,863	271,007	702,865	687,461	

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Baby chicks and turkey poult: Average prices paid to commercial hatcheries, March 1, 1963

State and division	Baby chicks, per 100			Turkey poults, each		
	Broiler breeds straight run	Egg-type pullets		Heavy breeds		Light breeds
		Pure breeds	Incross breeds: (hybrids)	White	Other	
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Ct.	Ct.	Ct.
Maine	1/ 12.5	32.0	---	---	---	---
N.H.	12.5	33.0	40.0	80	---	---
Vt.	13.5	32.0	---	---	---	---
Mass.	12.5	35.0	42.0	80	---	---
R.I.	12.5	32.5	---	---	---	---
Conn.	1/ 12.0	32.0	42.0	72	---	65
N.E.	12.4	33.3	41.8	79.2	---	---
N.Y.	11.5	37.5	53.0	---	---	---
N.J.	14.0	36.0	47.5	85	90	---
Pa.	1/ 13.0	37.0	48.5	1/ 70	1/ 85	1/ 50
M.A.	13.0	37.0	48.8	71.3	85.1	---
Ohio	12.0	40.0	55.0	67	66	48
Ind.	1/ 12.5	36.0	54.0	66	72	---
Ill.	1/ 15.5	38.5	54.0	70	70	55
Mich.	13.5	37.0	51.0	65	65	50
Wis.	12.5	37.5	52.0	52	---	---
E.N.C.	12.6	38.1	53.3	60.8	67.6	49.2
Minn.	11.5	39.0	50.0	1/ 54	1/ 60	1/ 42
Iowa	10.5	40.0	56.0	1/ 62	1/ 64	1/ 40
Mo.	1/ 9.5	27.0	55.0	1/ 67	1/ 67	1/ 45
N.Dak.	17.5	32.5	48.0	73	66	---
S.Dak.	17.5	36.0	51.0	51	62	---
Nebr.	17.0	34.5	52.0	67	67	---
Kans.	9.0	36.0	54.0	65	67	---
W.N.C.	9.0	37.5	51.1	57.0	62.5	42.2
Del.	1/ 12.0	---	---	---	---	---
Md.	1/ 11.9	40.0	56.0	---	---	---
Va. 1/	11.0	42.0	56.0	69	---	43
W.Va.	1/ 11.5	---	---	---	---	---
N.C.	1/ 10.9	32.5	51.5	65	60	45
S.C. 1/	11.0	34.5	---	75	65	---
Ga.	1/ 10.8	33.0	55.0	65	65	---
Fla.	1/ 11.0	39.0	48.0	---	65	45
S.A.	10.3	36.0	53.6	68.2	61.8	43.5
Ky.	10.5	35.0	50.0	---	---	---
Tenn.	11.0	33.5	44.0	---	---	---
Ala.	1/ 10.2	34.5	40.0	---	---	---
Miss.	1/ 10.0	31.0	46.0	---	---	---
E.S.C.	10.2	33.1	44.4	---	---	---
Ark.	1/ 9.5	37.0	46.0	65	62	50
La.	1/ 11.5	35.0	---	---	---	---
Okla.	12.0	30.5	51.0	---	60	---
Texas	1/ 10.0	30.5	52.0	1/ 57	1/ 57	---
W.S.C.	9.8	33.1	50.7	58.3	59.4	---
Mont.	19.0	41.0	48.0	---	---	---
Idaho	12.5	41.5	56.0	65	65	50
Colo.	16.0	39.0	55.0	64	60	---
Ariz.	18.0	44.0	44.5	---	---	---
Utah	11.5	36.0	50.0	---	---	---
Mount.	12.9	39.5	49.5	64.6	61.3	---
Wash. 1/	12.5	39.5	41.5	---	55	---
Oreg. 1/	13.0	36.5	41.0	65	58	40
Calif. 1/	12.5	33.0	45.0	55	52	---
Hawaii	23.5	49.5	---	---	---	---
Pac.	13.0	35.8	44.0	55.7	53.0	---
U.S.	10.9	36.4	50.5	59.3	60.3	44.3

1/ As of the 15th of the month.

Chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries - United States 1/

Month	By months			Cumulative			
	1962	1963	Change from: last year	1962	1963	Change from last year	
	Thou.	Thou.	Percent	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Percent
<u>Broiler-type</u>							
January	177,386	174,990	- 1	177,386	174,990	- 2,396	- 1
February	168,973	168,431	---	346,359	343,421	- 2,938	- 1
March	209,160	199,806	- 4	555,519	543,227	-12,292	- 2
April	208,269			763,788			
May	210,002			973,790			
June	192,476			1,166,266			
July	185,702			1,351,968			
August	173,400			1,525,368			
September	160,829			1,686,197			
October	168,927			1,855,124			
November	170,725			2,025,849			
December	171,427			2,197,276			
<u>Egg-type</u>							
January	28,339	31,302	+ 10	28,339	31,302	+ 2,963	+ 10
February	40,304	41,731	+ 4	68,643	73,033	+ 4,390	+ 6
March	78,703	71,201	- 10	147,346	144,234	- 3,112	- 2
April	96,696			244,042			
May	83,567			327,609			
June	38,920			366,529			
July	24,437			390,966			
August	21,879			412,845			
September	21,739			434,584			
October	24,577			459,161			
November	21,795			480,956			
December	21,017			501,973			
<u>Total chicks</u>							
January	205,725	206,292	---	205,725	206,292	+ 567	---
February	209,277	210,162	---	415,002	416,454	+ 1,452	---
March	287,863	271,007	- 6	702,865	687,461	-15,404	- 2
April	304,965			1,007,830			
May	293,569			1,301,399			
June	231,396			1,532,795			
July	210,139			1,742,934			
August	195,279			1,938,213			
September	182,568			2,120,781			
October	193,504			2,314,285			
November	192,520			2,506,805			
December	192,444			2,699,249			

1/ Includes Hawaii.

Chicken eggs in incubators April 1, 1963

Geographic divisions	Percent change from April 1, 1962		
	Broiler-type	Egg-type	Total eggs
New England	+ 4	+ 4	+ 4
Middle Atlantic	- 2	- 7	- 5
East North Central	- 19	- 4	- 8
West North Central	+ 10	- 3	- 1
South Atlantic	+ 1	+ 16	+ 2
East South Central	+ 5	+ 2	+ 5
West South Central	+ 2	+ 12	+ 3
Mountain	+ 5	+ 2	+ 3
Pacific	- 3	- 10	- 6
48 States	+ 1	- 1	---
United States <u>1/</u>	+ 1	- 1	---

1/ Includes Hawaii.

Poults hatched and turkey eggs in incubators

Geographic divisions	White		Other		Total		Light	
	heavy breeds 1/		heavy breeds 1/		heavy breeds 1/		breeds 1/	
	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963	1962	1963
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Poults hatched during March								
New England	38	38	5	1	43	39	1	0
Middle Atlantic	72	39	108	111	180	150	18	2
East North Central	762	1,044	860	911	1,622	1,955	91	89
West North Central	1,596	1,903	3,957	4,305	5,553	6,208	305	250
South Atlantic	354	468	359	537	713	1,005	238	298
South Central	361	462	1,198	1,324	1,559	1,786	29	42
West	926	1,024	3,470	3,678	4,396	4,702	63	63
United States	4,109	4,978	9,957	10,867	14,066	15,845	745	744

Turkey eggs in incubators
April 1

New England	189	203	35	3	224	206	5	6
Middle Atlantic	156	107	400	366	556	473	36	10
East North Central	1,698	2,347	2,237	2,186	3,935	4,533	245	176
West North Central	3,770	3,652	8,047	7,349	11,817	11,001	438	431
South Atlantic	820	1,091	1,024	1,129	1,844	2,220	499	525
South Central	700	928	3,446	2,800	4,146	3,728	84	133
West	1,692	1,395	7,205	6,917	8,897	8,312	126	44
United States	9,025	9,723	22,394	20,750	31,419	30,473	1,433	1,325

1/ See footnote on page 8.

Poults hatched by commercial hatcheries - United States

Month	By months			Cumulative			
	1962	1963	Change from:	1962	1963	Change from	
			last year			last year	
	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.
Heavy white breeds 1/							
January	2,012	1,508	- 25	2,012	1,508	- 504	- 25
February	2,091	2,594	+ 24	4,103	4,102	- 1	--
March	4,109	4,978	+ 21	8,212	9,080	+ 868	+ 11
April	5,329			13,541			
May	6,324			19,865			
June	4,721			24,586			
July	2,874			27,460			
August	1,547			29,007			
September	968			29,975			
October	882			30,857			
November	864			31,721			
December	1,046			32,767			
Other heavy breeds 1/							
January	1,169	1,210	+ 4	1,169	1,210	+ 41	+ 4
February	3,491	4,402	+ 26	4,660	5,612	+ 952	+ 20
March	9,957	10,867	+ 9	14,617	16,479	+1,862	+ 13
April	14,126			28,743			
May	14,455			43,198			
June	8,995			52,193			
July	3,143			55,336			
August	353			55,689			
September	110			55,799			
October	136			55,935			
November	168			56,103			
December	406			56,509			
Total all heavy breeds 1/							
January	3,181	2,718	- 15	3,181	2,718	- 463	- 15
February	5,582	6,996	+ 25	8,763	9,714	+ 951	+ 11
March	14,066	15,845	+ 13	22,829	25,559	+2,730	+ 12
April	19,455			42,284			
May	20,779			63,063			
June	13,716			76,779			
July	6,017			82,796			
August	1,900			84,696			
September	1,078			85,774			
October	1,018			86,792			
November	1,032			87,824			
December	1,452			89,276			

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Poults hatched by commercial hatcheries - United States

Month	By month			Cumulative			
	1962	1963	Change from: last year	1962	1963	Change from last year	
	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.
Light breeds ^{1/}							
January	357	605	+ 69	357	605	+ 248	+ 69
February	524	645	+ 23	881	1,250	+ 369	+ 42
March	745	744	--	1,626	1,994	+ 368	+ 23
April	925			2,551			
May	1,495			4,046			
June	1,582			5,628			
July	1,505			7,133			
August	1,055			8,188			
September	437			8,625			
October	362			8,987			
November	295			9,282			
December	496			9,778			
Total all breeds ^{1/}							
January	3,538	3,323	- 6	3,538	3,323	- 215	- 6
February	6,106	7,641	+ 25	9,644	10,964	+1,320	+ 14
March	14,811	16,589	+ 12	24,455	27,553	+3,098	+ 13
April	20,380			44,835			
May	22,274			67,109			
June	15,298			82,407			
July	7,522			89,929			
August	2,955			92,884			
September	1,515			94,399			
October	1,380			95,779			
November	1,327			97,106			
December	1,948			99,054			

^{1/} Heavy white breeds include heavy white-feathered breeds, such as Broad white, white Holland, Empire white, Lancaster, and crosses with light white breeds. All other heavy breeds are reported under "other". Light breeds include Beltsville, Jersey Buff, Royal Palm and wild turkeys.